

**Cabinet for Health and Family Services  
Office of Health Policy  
Secretary's Advisory Committee on Health Care Transparency  
Tuesday, July 21, 2009  
1:00 PM – 3 PM  
CHFS Auditorium, Suite C**

**Agenda**

- I. Welcome and Opening Remarks
- II. Approval of Minutes (April 28, 2009)
- III. Status of Data Reporting Regulation
- IV. Discuss Draft Emergency Department Report
- V. KHQA Draft Maps for Discussion
- VI. Status of Ambulatory Facility Reporting
- VII. Other Business
- VIII. Adjourn

**SECRETARY'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON HEALTHCARE  
TRANSPARENCY MEETING**

**April 28, 2009  
1:00 p.m.**

**PRESENT:**

Carrie Banahan  
Office of Health Policy

D. Kurt Adams  
Kentucky Chiropractic  
Society

Victor Cooper, DC  
Cooper Chiropractic Center

Marie Cull  
Cull, Hayden, and Vance

Bill Doll  
Jackson, Kelly PLLC

Charles Kendell (on behalf  
of Dr. William Hacker)  
Department for Public  
Health

Dr. John Lewis  
Health Care Excel

Melea Rivera (on behalf of  
Sharon Clark)  
Department of Insurance

Melodie Shrader  
Kentucky Association of  
Health Plans

Chuck Warnick  
Kentucky Hospital Association

Marty White  
Kentucky Medical  
Association

Ben Yandell  
Norton Health Care

**ABSENT:**

Sharon Clark  
Department of Insurance

Dr. William Hacker  
Department for Public  
Health

Betsy Johnson  
Department for Medicaid  
Services

**STAFF:**

Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Office of Health Policy  
Allison Martinez      Kris Hayslett      Sheena Lewis  
Beth Morris      Chandra Venettozzi

**CALL TO ORDER**

Carrie Banahan called the meeting to order in the Bluegrass Room located in the CHR building.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from the February 2, 2009, meeting were approved as distributed.

**PRESENT DRAFT EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Chandra Venettozzi presented a report based on Emergency Department data that had been received for a 9 month period. She stated that once a complete year of data was obtained, she would like the reports to be posted on the Cabinet website. The Data Advisory Subcommittee was presented with this report during the last meeting and their changes have been incorporated into the report. At this

point, the intent of the report is simply to look at the numbers themselves. An in depth discussion regarding the report followed. The group made suggestions and these changes will be incorporated into the report, as well.

Dr. John Lewis asked how observation patients are defined. Chuck Warnick responded that the assignment of this classification is based on CPT codes and revenue codes associated with each case. The group asked for further clarification on the definition of court/law enforcement admit source and what that entails. Dr. Kurt Adams asked if it would be possible to obtain the principle diagnosis for ED patients. The group suggested doing a day of the week analysis based on conditions that could have been treated by a primary care physician.

Chandra asked that the group review the report after the meeting and send any changes or suggestions to her. Data for the completed year will not be available until late July and will not be available before the next meeting.

#### **STATUS OF DATA REPORTING BY AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTERS**

Beginning in late 2008, 31 ambulatory surgical centers (ASCs) and two ambulatory care clinics (ACCs) were contacted regarding data reporting. Three steps needed to be complete for ASC and ACC data reporting. The first step was to begin collecting race and ethnicity, the second step was to have their computer system set up to transmit data to COMPData, and the final step was to actually submit the files. Eleven of the facilities received their software to begin submitting last week. Five others utilize a different software package and they believe they will be ready to submit in June or July. The ACCs voluntarily changed their license type rather than report. The remaining facilities are struggling. Chuck is prepared to visit the facilities to offer his assistance, if necessary.

#### **STATUS OF DATA REPORTING REGULATION**

The data reporting regulation is all but final at this point. Chandra expects to meet with Secretary Miller next week to discuss the situation with the ambulatory surgical centers that are having difficulty reporting and decide whether there should be exception language in the regulation to reflect these problems. The regulation should be filed by May 15.

#### **DISCUSS FUNDING FOR EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT DATA**

The Transportation Cabinet was able to secure funding through a federal grant to continue collecting ED data for the next fiscal year. Discussions were held with Commissioner Betsy Johnson from

Medicaid and at the point in time when Transportation can no longer provide funding; Medicaid will be able to assist with funding through a contract with OHP.

**STATUS OF PQI REPORTS FOR 2007 DATA**

The PQI reports should be available by the next meeting.

**DISCUSS DATES/SITES FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

The following meeting dates were chosen for the committee: July 21, October 20<sup>th</sup>, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010, and April 20, 2010. The meeting locations will be announced at a later date.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:23 p.m.